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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA

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1. WE MUCH APPRECIATE GRZ'S FLEXIBILITY IN AGREEING TO SECRETARY'S VISIT APRIL 26-27 AS SCHEDULED, DESPITE RULING PARTY'S NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AT SAME TIME. NEVERTHELESS PROPOSED PROGRAM REFTEL (B) GIVES US SOME CONCERN.

2. WE NOTE IN EMBASSY'S PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS THAT SECRETARY HAS NO SESSIONS SCHEDULED WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON APRIL 27 AND THAT MEETING FOR 2030 HOURS APRIL 26 IS LISTED AS "POSSIBLE CALL AND SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT STATE HOUSE." SUBSEQUENTLY, YOU NOTE THAT PRESIDENT MAY WISH TO GIVE WORKING SUPPER ON THAT EVENING OR ON APRIL 27, WHICH WOULD BE IN LIEU OF FONMIN'S RECEPTION. NEITHER MEAL IS LISTED AS DEFINITE. THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AT ALL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27.

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3. IN VIEW NUMEROUS INVITATIONS EXTENDED BY KAUNDA AND OTHER TOP-LEVEL ZAMBIANS FOR SECRETARY TO VISIT ZAMBIA, PLUS WARM RECEPTION GIVEN KAUNDA AND HIS PARTY DURING LAST YEAR'S WASHINGTON VISIT (INCLUDING LUNCHEON GIVEN BY

SECRETARY AND DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE BY PRESIDENT), WE ASSUME THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL WISH TO GIVE AT LEAST WORKING DINNER OR SUPPER FOR SECRETARY DURING THEIR TALKS IN EVENING APRIL 26. GIVEN THE SECRETARY'S BUSY DAY, WE WOULD HOPE SUPPER WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL LATE IN EVENING FOLLOWING SESSION WITH KAUNDA, AS INDICATED REFTEL.

4. SINCE KAUNDA AND HIS TOP OFFICIALS WILL BE OCCUPIED WITH PARTY'S NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING ON AFTERNOON AND EVENING APRIL 27, PLUS FACT PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS MOST DESIROUS OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVING KINSHASA THAT SAME EVENING, WE ARE NOW PROPOSING FOLLOWING REVISED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY ON APRIL 27:

REMAIN IN LUSAKA THROUGH LUNCH
1400 DEPART FOR LUSAKA AIRPORT
1430 PLANE DEPARTS FOR LIVINGSTONE
1530 PLANE ARRIVES LIVINGSTONE
1730 PLANE DEPARTS LIVINGSTONE FOR KINSHASA

5. ON BASIS REVISED SCHEDULE WE WOULD HOPE FONMIN BANDA COULD HOST APRIL 27 LUNCHEON FOR SECRETARY. IN ADDITION, SECRETARY PLANS TO MAKE MAJOR SPEECH ON "US AND SOUTHERN AFRICA" IN LUSAKA. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS WHETHER IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR SUCH SPEECH TO BE GIVEN AT LUNCHEON OR AT SOME OTHER TIME DURING MORNING. IF LATTER IS PREFERABLE, AT WHAT TIME AND AT WHAT SITE? DOES EMBASSY SUGGEST ANY ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR MORNING APRIL 27?

6. SECRETARY WILL HAVE TWO-HOUR STOPOVER AT LIVINGSTONE TO VIEW VICTORIA FALLS. IN VIEW SHORT TIME ALLOTTED TO STOPOVER, IT IS ESSENTIALLY FOR SIGHTSEEING PURPOSES. REQUEST POST SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW BEST THIS PERIOD CAN BE SPENT. KISSINGER
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